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Dear John,

A possible item for your Budge news column in the Gazette (not verbatim):

At last, Ann Savours' (Mrs. Shirley's) biography of Captain Scott's ship, the Discovery (now in Dundee) has been published by Virgin Books. It

covers not only Scott's expedition of 1901-04, for which the Discovery was built, but two other Antarctic voyages and the vessel's **service** under

the flag of the Hudson's Bay Company.

In a few years ^{the old barge} ~~she~~ should celebrate her centenary, something which one

of her ^{former} ~~old~~ Able Seamen, now Captain AR Williamson, has already **done**.

Wife of the Budge sub-postmaster, Lawrence Shirley, Ann Savours was on the staffs of The Scott Polar Research

Institute in Cambridge and the National Maritime Museum, London before retirement. The book is handsomely produced and well illustrated.

My publishers tell me they sent a review copy to the Gazette about a month ago, but I haven't seen ~~one~~ a review appear. They also suggested that an interview could be arranged.

I have one or two copies here if you'd like to examine the book - or it can be bought at Waterstone's and other shops in Canterbury. I was delighted to see it in all but one of the Dundee + Edinburgh bookshops recently. The old barge was towed ^{up river} to her new berth at Craig Harbour, Dundee, a few days ago, as you may have seen in the press.

"The Voyages of the Discovery" costs £25 - a bargain at today's prices!

With best wishes to you both

Yours,
Ann